

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 7, please replace paragraph [0012] as follows:

[0012] With reference to Figure 1, an example of a computer-based network security system 100, in which an embodiment of the present invention can be implemented, is illustrated. Network security system 100 collects alerts from various network security devices 112. These ~~deviie~~ devices can include various IDSs 112A-C, which can be host or network based, firewalls 112D, routers 112E, and various other security devices and products 112F. These devices generate various alerts that represent physical events and incidents occurring in the network being monitored. Each of these devices has access to an internal or external clock that they can use to add timestamps to the generated alerts. In one embodiment, distributed agents of the network security system 100 collect these alerts.

On pages 8-9, please replace paragraph [0016] as follows:

[0016] In some embodiments, a browser-based version of the console 116 may be used to provide access to security events, knowledge base articles, reports, notifications and cases. That is, the manager 114 may include a web server component accessible via a web browser hosted on a personal or handheld computer (which takes the place of console 116) to provide some or all of the functionality of a console 116. Browser access is particularly useful for security professionals that are away from the consoles 116 and for part-time users. Communication between consoles 116 and manager ~~112~~ 114 is bi-directional and may be encrypted.

On page 16, please replace paragraph [0038] as follows:

[0038] In the foregoing description, the various examples and embodiments were meant to be illustrative of the present invention and not restrictive in terms of ~~heir~~ their scope.

Accordingly, the invention should be measured only in terms of the claims, which follow.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

One replacement sheet has been attached to this document, containing FIG. 2.

FIG. 2 has been amended. Reference label 206 refers to a box containing text. Within that text, “identifing” has been changed to “identifying.”